

REMARKS

On October 15, 2004, the Examiner, in an Advisory Action, did not enter the proposed amendment to the drawing. The Examiner asserts that the proposed drawing amendment raises the issue of new matter because it is not clear whether support for the amendment to the drawing is present in the specification as originally filed.

Per the Examiner's recommendation, the drawing amendment is being resubmitted. The proposed drawing corrections show the carding element schematically. Specifically, the card element is now represented by reference numeral 9. The original drawing schematically shows an air-doffing apparatus with multiple cards. The main change is that a card is now specifically addressed with a reference numeral. As such, to avoid any confusion, the reference line from reference numeral 1 is changed to be more accurately directed to the top of the air-doffing apparatus. A card, a carding drum with a worker roller and clearer roller, were known to one skilled in the art at the time of filing, as demonstrated by Fehrer et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,972,551, in Figure 1 and column 3, lines 41-53. The amendment does not broaden the original disclosure or suggest new subject matter not disclosed in the original application. As such, the amendment to identify the card in the schematic drawing with a reference numeral is not new matter.

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Entry of the amendment to the drawing is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, or regarding the application in general, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to the drawing. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Marked-Up Drawing Sheet

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A Textile Fibre Reinforced Absorbent Material
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